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SUBJECT: MISSION PROPOSES SECOND HALF OF MARCH FOR ACSA
VISIT

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Classified By: A/Pol-Mil Counselor Apar Sidhu or reasons 1.4 (a/b/d)

¶1. (C) We agree with Department's reftel way forward on negotiating an Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement (ACSA) with the Government of Iraq. However, we request the USCENTCOM-led training and education session in Baghdad begin no earlier than the third week of March. CENTCOM and MNF-I support this timeline. We believe that a visit sooner than this would be disruptive to Embassy, MNF-I, and GOI efforts to begin the revised Baghdad Security Plan on a solid footing.

¶2. (SBU) The embassy point of contact for the visit will be the Political-Military Section's Office Management Specialist, Ms. Kellee Farmer. She can be reached at farmerka@state.sgov.gov or farmerk@state.gov. The MNF-I coordinating office will be Colonel David E. Hill, Jr. He can be reached at david.hill@iraq.centcom.mil. His phone numbers are: (DSN) 318-239-9462 or (MCI) 703-343-9462.

¶3. (SBU) We look forward to working with you to make this trip a success.

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